(*c*) who are the officers that value the sites and improvements first, the principles followed by them in doing so;

(*d*) when the sites have buildings do they requisition the services of officers in other departments to fix their value; if so, who are those officers;

(*e*) who is the final authority in passing the award and what is the basis followed by him in such matters;

(*f*) have the Government acquired sites in Mattancheri during the last two years;

(*g*) if so, which are those sites—their extent, localities, dates of acquisitions and the rates fixed for each site?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: (*a*) The Departments requiring land prepare land plans and schedule and forward them to the Revenue Department through the Secretariat. The Tahsildars with the aid of the Revenue Inspectors and Village Officers prepare sub-division sketches, valuation statements and draft notifications and submit them to the Diwan Peishkar. The Diwan Peishkar first submit a notification under section 3 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act for the approval of the Government and publication in the Gazette. Objections if any, to the acquisition received within thirty days after the publication of this notification are enquired into and disposed of on their merits. The papers are sent to the Head of the Department concerned for his approval. After this a declaration under section 5 of the Land Acquisition Act is published by the Government in the Gazette and after the publication of this declaration the Diwan Peishkar issues notices to the interested parties under section 8 and 9 of the Land Acquisition Act and hears them on an appointed day. After this hearing and after getting revised records as per the sub-division sketches passed by the Diwan Peishkar and sent to the Superintendent of Survey and Land Records, the Diwan Peishkar passes an award for the acquisition. The award will then be submitted to Government for acceptance. As soon as the award is accepted by the Government notices under section 11 of the Land Acquisition Act will be issued to the parties showing the sites acquired, the amount of compensation awarded for them and the date and place when and where they can receive it. Soon after payment of compensation the site is taken possession of and account converting the acquired site into poramboke will be passed by the Diwan Peishkar and the neceasary changes will be effected in the Revenue Records. For further details please see the Cochin Land Acquisition Act II of 1070 as amended by Acts IV/1074 and XXX of 1112 and Chapter XIII of the Land Revenue Manual.

(*b*) The Diwan Peishkar is the Land acquisition officer. He is helped by his subordinate officers, the Tahsildars, the Revenue Inspectors, and village officers. The co-operation of the officers of the Department requiring the acquisition is also necessary.

(*c*) The Tahsildars helped by the Revenue Inspectors. The Market value of land is ascertained after due enquiries, buildings are valued after deducting depreciation if any, and trees and other improvements are valued on the basis of their rental and other relevant matters.

(*d*) Yes. If there are substantial buildings, they are got valued by technical officers of the P.W.D. and other departments.

(*e*) The Diwan Peishkar. The Tahsildars' valuations, the evidence if any produced before him by the parties and all other relevant information available to him are the basis, for his award.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) There have been numerous acquisition in Mattancheri during the last two years—various extents in various localities on different dates and at different rates. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish the details desired in respect of each of them at this short notice. Further no public purpose will be served by such a detailed statement, as the valuation of each item acquired depends upon its own peculiar characteristics.

FOOD SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT—AMOUNT ADVANCED

163. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur)*:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഫ്ലഡ് മേടമാസം അവസാനംവരെ സപ്ലൈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിലെക്ക അഡ്വാൻസ് ചെയ്ത സംഖ്യ എത്ര;

(ബി) ബഡ്ഡറ് തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതുവരെയുള്ള ലാഭനഷ്ട കണക്കുകൾ തയ്യാറാക്കിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ലാഭമോ നഷ്ടമോ എത്ര ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(എ) Rs. 3,34,83,777—3—4.

ബി) ഇല്ലാ.

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(സി) രണ്ടാമത്തെ ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ സമാധാനംകൊണ്ട് ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിന് ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ലാ.

FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEES—OBJECTS OF AND PURPOSE SERVED BY

164. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) how long ago were the Taluk and Town Food Advisory Committees formed;

(*b*) what was the object of these Committees;

(*c*) (*i*) do Government think any useful purpose has been served by these Committees (*ii*) if so, what;

(*d*) if not, why not end them or mend them?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The Committees were formed as per Government Proceedings Fd3. 2721/19 dated 5th February 1944.

(*b*) To secure the assistance and co-operation of the non-official public in the efforts made by the Government to ensure an adequate supply to the people, at reasonable rates, of all articles essential to preserve the life of the community.

(*c*) (*i*) Yes.

(*ii*) The object mentioned in the answer to (*b*).

(*d*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*c*).

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* What are the powers and functions of these committees?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Committee can give advice on the improvements required, if any, in the working of the existing system of rationing, particularly with reference to distribution of stuffs, the quality of the articles distributed and whether the articles are distributed without inconvenience and hardship to the card-holders. The committee may also visit the fair price shops and retail shops to see if they are not open and closed according to the times prescribed, if the card-holders are not receiving proper rations and if any irregularity exists in the issue of the rations.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether these committees are meeting regularly?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, except in one Taluk.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Are they making any recommendations to the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* Are the Taluk Committees working properly in all the Taluks?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Except in the Talappilly Taluk all the Committees are working properly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether these items of work read out by the Hon'ble Member are not being attended to by the village committees also.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. But only with reference to the local area over which they have jurisdiction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the position of the Government that these Taluk Committees are expected to do the work of the Village Committees all over the State.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* These Committees are expected to function and exercise more or less similar powers with regard to the whole area covered by the Taluk to which these committees relate.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know, why there is no committee in the Talappalli Taluk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The Talappalli Taluk Committee resigned on the ground that the existing powers given to the Committee are not adequate. The matter is under correspondence and the final decision has not yet been arrived at.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that that particular committee resigned on the ground that because of the identity of work between the Village Committee and the Taluk Committee this Taluk Committee is a superfluity and hence it is not necessary to waste public funds by way of giving T.A., etc.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They resigned on the ground that the functions were more or less similar and they thought that no purpose would be served by the Taluk Committee.

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